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RE: State Certification of Federal High-Cost Support, CC Docket No. 96-45

To the Filing Representatives:

Below is a list of carriers<sup>1</sup> certified by the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Texas PUC) in accordance with 47 C.F.R. §§ 54.313 and 54.314,<sup>2</sup> which established an annual state certification process for those carriers that have received eligible telecommunications carrier (ETC) designation in Texas seeking high-cost support from the federal universal service fund. All carriers listed below have certified to the Texas PUC that all federal high-cost support<sup>3</sup> provided to them will be used only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended, consistent with § 254(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> This list includes each carrier's study area code, if available, assigned by the National Exchange Carriers Association (NECA).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> See Federal Communications Commission's (FCC's) Fourteenth Report and Order, Twenty Second Order on Reconsideration, and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in CC Docket No. 96-45, and Report and Order in CC Docket No. 00-256 (May 23, 2001).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> This includes high-cost loop support, local switching support, high-cost model support, hold harmless support, and high-cost support received pursuant to the purchase of exchanges.

## TEXAS CARRIERS FILING AFFIDAVITS IN 2007

|     | CARRIER  | Study Area<br>Code |
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| 1.  | Alenco Communications  | 442090             |
| 2.  | Alltel Communications, Inc. (CMRS - NR) <sup>4</sup>   | 449034             |
| 3.  | AMA TechTel Communications (Rural and NR)(CLEC)  | 449020             |
| 4.  | Big Bend Telephone Company, Inc.   | 442039             |
| 5.  | Blossom Telephone Company  | 442038             |
| 6.  | Border to Border Communication, Inc.   | 442073             |
| 7.  | Brazoria Telephone Company   | 442040             |
| 8.  | Brazos Telecommunications, Inc.  | 442041             |
| 9.  | Brazos Telephone Cooperative, Inc.   | 442041             |
| 10. | Cameron Telephone Company  | 440425             |
| 11. | Cap Rock Telephone Cooperative, Inc.   | 442046             |
| 12. | Caprock Cellular, L.P. (CMRS)  | 449032             |
| 13. | Central Texas Telephone Cooperative, Inc.  | 442052             |
| 14. | CenturyTel of Lake Dallas  | 442101             |
| 15. | CenturyTel of Northwest Louisiana, Inc.  | 270431             |
| 16. | CenturyTel of Port Aransas, Inc.   | 442117             |
| 17. | CenturyTel of San Marcos, Inc.   | 442140             |
| 18. | CGKC&H # 1 (CMRS – Rural and NR)   | N/A                |
| 19. | CGKC&H #2 Rural Limited Partnership (d/b/a West<br>Central Wireless and d/b/a Right Wireless)<br>(CMRS - NR) | N/A                |
| 20. | Coleman County Telephone Cooperative, Inc.   | 442057             |
| 21. | Colorado Valley Telephone Cooperative, Inc.  | 442059             |

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Any carrier on this list not identified as a competitive local exchange carrier (CLEC), a commercial mobile radio service (CMRS) provider, or mobile satellite service (MSS) provider is an incumbent local exchange carrier. Any carrier on this list that is not identified as "non-rural" (NR) is a "rural" carrier. The designations of "rural" and "non-rural" are federal designations obtained by the carrier through a federal self-certification process and are recognized solely for the purpose of federal USF support.

| 22. | Comanche County Telephone Company, Inc.                              | 442060 |
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| 23. | Community Telephone Company, Inc.                                    | 442061 |
| 24. | Consolidated Communications of Fort Bend (f/k/a Fort Bend Telephone) | 442072 |
| 25. | Consolidated Communications of Texas (f/k/a TXU f/k/a LCTX)          | 442109 |
| 26. | CT Cube (CMRS – NR)  | N/A    |
| 27. | Cumby Telephone Cooperative (CLEC – Rural and NR)                    | 449004 |
| 28. | Cumby Telephone Cooperative, Inc.                                    | 442065 |
| 29. | Dell Telephone Cooperative, Inc.                                     | 442066 |
| 30. | DialTone Services (MSS)  | 449030 |
| 31. | Dobson Cellular Systems, Inc. (CMRS)                                 | 449022 |
| 32. | Eastex Telephone Cooperative, Inc.                                   | 442068 |
| 33. | Electra Telephone Company  | 442069 |
| 34. | ENMR Telephone Cooperative   | 442262 |
| 35. | Etex Communications (CMRS)   | N/A    |
| 36. | Etex Telephone Cooperative   | 442070 |
| 37. | ETS Telephone Company, Inc. (CLEC)                                   | 442091 |
| 38. | FEC Communications, LLP (NR) (CLEC)                                  | 449009 |
| 39. | Five Area Telephone Cooperative, Inc.                                | 442071 |
| 40. | Ganado Telephone Company, Inc.                                       | 442076 |
| 41. | GCEC Telecom (NR)(CLEC)  | 449012 |
| 42. | Grande Communications Networks, Inc.(CLEC)                           | 449015 |
| 43. | Guadalupe Valley Telephone Company                                   | 442083 |
| 44. | Hill Country Telephone Cooperative, Inc.                             | 442086 |
| 45. | Industry Telephone Company   | 442093 |
| 46. | La Ward Telephone Exchange, Inc.                                     | 442103 |
| 47. | Lake Livingston Telephone Company                                    | 442104 |
| 48. | Lipan Telephone Company, Inc.  | 442105 |
| 49. | Livingston Telephone Company, Inc.                                   | 442107 |
| 50. | Mid-Plains Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc.                         | 442112 |
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| 51. | Mid-Tex Cellular, Ltd. (CMRS)                               | 449026 |
| 52. | Nexus Communications (NR)(CLEC)                             | 449038 |
| 53. | Nortex Communications                                       | 442116 |
| 54. | North Texas Telephone Company                               | 442043 |
| 55. | NTS Communications (Rural and NR)(CLEC)                     | 449024 |
| 56. | NTS Telephone Company, LLC                                  | N/A    |
| 57. | Panhandle Telecommunications Systems, Inc. (CLEC)           | 449019 |
| 58. | Panhandle Telephone Cooperative, Inc.                       | 432016 |
| 59. | Peoples Telephone Cooperative, Inc.                         | 442130 |
| 60. | Plateau Telecommunications, Inc. (CMRS)                     | 449037 |
| 61. | Poka Lambro Telephone Cooperative, Inc.                     | 442131 |
| 62. | Riviera Telephone Company, Inc.                             | 442134 |
| 63. | Sage Telecom of Texas (NR)(CLEC)                            | 449010 |
| 64. | Santa Rosa Telephone Cooperative, Inc.                      | 442141 |
| 65. | Santa Rosa Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (CLEC)               | 449006 |
| 66. | South Plains Telephone Cooperative, Inc.                    | 442143 |
| 67. | Southwest Arkansas Telephone Cooperative, Inc.              | 401724 |
| 68. | Southwest Texas Telephone Company                           | 442135 |
| 69. | Sprint Nextel Corporations (f/k/a Sprint Corporation)(CMRS) | 449017 |
| 70. | Tatum Telephone Company                                     | 442150 |
| 71. | Taylor Telephone Cooperative, Inc.                          | 442151 |
| 72. | Texas RSA 1 Limited Partnership (d/b/a XIT Wireless) (CMRS  | 449031 |
| 73. | Texas TerraCom  | N/A    |
| 74. | Texas Windstream, Inc.                                      | 442153 |
| 75. | United Telephone Company of Texas (d/b/a Embarq)            | 442084 |
| 76. | Valley Telephone Cooperative, Inc.                          | 442159 |
| 77. | Verizon Southwest (NR)                                      | 442080 |
| 78. | Verizon Southwest (NR)                                      | 442154 |
| 79. | W.T. Services, Inc. (Rural and NR)(CLEC)                    | 449001 |
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| 80. | West Plains Telecommunications, Inc.                            | 442071 |
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| 81. | West Texas Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc.                    | 442166 |
| 82. | Wes-Tex Telephone Cooperative, Inc.                             | 442168 |
| 83. | Westex Wireless (CMRS)  | 449036 |
| 84. | Windstream Communications Kerrville (f/k/a Kerrville Telephone) | 442097 |
| 85. | Windstream Communications Southwest                             | 441163 |
| 86. | Windstream Sugar Land, Inc. (f/k/a Sugar Land<br>Telephone)     | 442147 |
| 87. | WWC Texas RSA Limited Partnership (CMRS – Rural and NR)         | 449003 |
| 88. | XIT Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc.                           | 442170 |
| 89. | XIT Telecommunications & Technology, Ltd. (CLEC)                | 449002 |

If there are any questions regarding this matter, please contact Liz Kayser in our Communications Industry Oversight Division, (512) 936-7390.

Respectfully submitted,

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